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### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

#### **STATUS OF THE CLAIMS**

Claims 39, 41, 42, and 48-84 are pending in the application.

Claims 39, 62-69 and 75-81 are allowed.

Claims 41, 42, 48-53, 82 and 83 were cancelled. Claims 54-61, 70-74, and 84 have been amended. After entry of this amendment, claims 39, 54-81, and 84 are pending.

The examiner stated that the Declaration under 37 CFR §1.132, filed on 11 March 2003, was sufficient to overcome the rejection of claims 39 and 54-81 based upon lack of enablement.

The examiner further stated that the application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters: the presence of non-elected claims 41-42, 48-53 (with traverse); and claims 54-61, 70-74 and 84 were objected to for depending on non-elected claims.

The examiner suggested that Applicants either cancel the non-elected claims (and amend the dependency of the objected claims) or take other appropriate action under 37 CFR 1.144. Applicants have cancelled claims 41-42, and 48-53 without prejudice without prejudice to pursuing the claims in a continuing application.

All claim amendments are made without prejudice and do not represent an acquiescence in any ground of rejection.

#### **AMENDMENTS AND REMARKS**

Applicants' representative appreciated the telephone conference with Examiner Saoud on October 15, 2003, regarding the status of the claims, and in particular, the withdrawn

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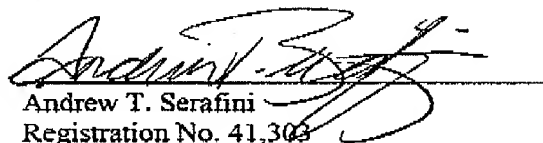
claims and cancelled claims. Per the discussion with the examiner, Applicants have cancelled the withdrawn claims from consideration as evidenced in this Supplemental Response.

**CONCLUSIONS**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 206.332.1380.

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